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For : METHODS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE, SUCH AS INSULIN DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS, INVOLVING RETROVIRAL SUPERANTIGENS

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE ACCOMPANYING CONTINUATION APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53

Applicants request that the following amendment be made in the above-identified application:

In the Specification:

On page 1, after "Methods for Diagnosis and Therapy of Autoimmune Disease, such as Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, involving Retroviral Superantigens" please insert the following as a separate paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/04926, filed 22 July 1998, designating the United States of America and claiming priority of European Application Nos. 97112482.1, filed July 22, 1997 and 97401773.3, filed July 23, 1997. --

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